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SUBJECT: SWEDISH INITIATIVE TO RAISE QUESTION OF UNIDO CONSTITUTION AT

CIEC MINISTERIAL

1. IN COURSE OF GROUP B (WESTERN COUNTRIES) MEETING APRIL 21, SWEDISH REP (EKHOLM), INFORMED GROUP OF INSTRUCTIONS STOCKHOLM HAS SENT TO ITS EMBASSIES IN CIEC-PARTICIPANT WESTERN CAPITALS (G-8) SEEKING AGREEMENT TO RAISE QUESTION FO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON CONSTITUTION FOR UNIDO IN CONTEXT OF MAY CIEC MINISTERIAL MEETING.

2. SWEDEN WILL PRESENT TO THE G-8 A "DRAFT UNDERSTANDING" FOR ADOPTION BY CIEC ON FURTHER STEPS IN NEGOTIATION OF UNIDO CONSTITUTION PROPOSING THAT A MEETING "WITHIN THE OVERALL FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES" BE CONVEDED BY SYG WALDHEIM IN SECOND HALF 1977. "DRAFT
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UNDERSTANDING" CONTAINS FIVE SPECIFIC AREAS OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT ON CONSTITUTIONAL ELEMENTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH G-19 AT CIEC, TO WIT:

-AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD COMPOSED OF FIFTY

MEMBERS (15 GROUP B, G-77 AND 5 SOCIALIST BLOC);
ANY CHANGE IN TOTAL NUMBER WOULD HAVE TO MAINTAIN
PATTERN OF DISTRIBUTION ABOVE.

-A PROGRAM/BUDGET COMMITTEE OF 27 MEMBERS (9 GROUP B,
15 G-77, 3 SOCIALIST BLOC).

-AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION IN RESPECT OF THE SIZE AND
DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS OF THOSE TWO BODIES WOULD NOT RPT
NOT REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL PROCEDURES.

-DECISIONS ON PROGRAM/BUDGET MATTERS WOULD REQUIRE 2/3
MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING IN BOTH BOARD AND
COMMITTEE.

-AN UNSPECIFIED PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL BUDGET WOULD
BE DEVOTED TO DIRECT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

3. IN PRESENTING SWEDISH VIEWS, EKHOLM MADE CLEAR THAT
SWEDEN WAS MOTIVATED TO TAKE UP UNIDO IN CIEC CONTEXT LARGELY
BY APPREHENSION THAT THESE EXISTED FEW OTHER POSSIBILITIES
FOR GENERAL AGREEMENT AT CIEC MINISTERIAL. MISSION
DOES NOT FIND THAT ARGUMENT APPEALING. IN FIRST PLACE,
IT SEEMS TO US INCONGRUOUS TO TRY TO FIT CONSIDERATION OF
A RELATIVELY MINOR MATTER SUCH AS SPECIFICS OF A SPECIAL-
IZED AGENCY CONSTITUTION INTO THE AGENDA OF A HIGH LEVEL
MINISTERIAL MEETING ORGANIZED TO ADDRESS MAJOR NORTH-SOUTH
ECONOMIC ISSUES; SUCH AN ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE
G-8, MIGHT, IT SEEMS TO US, RISK AN INTERPRETATION BY
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THE G-19 THAT THE WESTERN GROUP WAS ATTEMPTING TO DIRECT
ATTENTION FROM MAJOR ISSUES. SECOND, THE CIEC IS THE
WRONG PLACE AND TIME TO ATTEMPT TO SETTLE ONE SET OF
MAJOR PROBLEMS OF THE UNIDO CONSTITUTION; THE PARTICI-
PANTS WILL, IN BY FAR THE GREATER NUMBER OF CASES HAVE
HAD NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE OF THE DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX
NEGOTIATING HISTORY OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THERE IS A
POSSIBILITY THAT HARD-WON WESTERN GROUP POSITIONS COULD
BE USED AS AN ATMOSPHERIC "GIVE-WAY". WE HAVE NOT YET
GIVEN UP HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS RESULTING IN A SATISFAC-
TORY CONSTITUTION FOR UNIDO CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR THE
PERIOD PRIOR TO THE 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK.

4. MISSION HOPES DEPT. WILL INDICATE TO SWEDISH EMBASSY
WHEN APPROACH MADE THAT WE WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH
SWEDISH PROPOSAL. STIBRAVY

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